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SUBJ: MAKARIOS

1. MAKARIOS AND PARTY OF THREE LANDED IN MALTA THIS
EVENING ABOUT TEN THIRTY P.M. RAF STATION COMMANDER
TELLS US MINTOFF "PERSUADED MAKARIOS TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT,
BUT HE APPARENTLY PLANS TO FLY TO LONDON MORNING JULY 17.
PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY CONFIRMS FOREGOING, ADDING
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THAT MAKARIOS SAID HE NEEDS GOOD REST. MALTESE HAVE URGED

HIM TO STAY AS LONG AS HE WISHES.

2. COMMENT: NEWS OF COUP AND PRESUMED DEATH OF MAKARIOS ARRIVED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL ON MINTOFF JULY 15. MINTOFF SHOWED LITTLE PERSONAL EMOTION ABOUT MAKARIOS' FATE (STATING APTLY THAT HE WAS PRISONER AND VICTIM OF HIS PAST) BUT WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT EVENT OF SUCH. SUPERFICIAL ANALOGY COULD NOT FAIL TO IMPRESS HIM.

3. WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT ONWARD STEPS MAKARIOS PLANS, HIS STOP IN MALTA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE EXPLOITED BY MINTOFF FOR HIS OWN ENDS. IN PARLIAMENT EVENING JULY 15 MINTOFF ANNOUNCED THAT FOR MOMENT ALL GOM COULD DO WAS TO INSTRUCT MALTESE EMBASSIES EVERYWHERE TO CONVEY GOVERNMENT'S READINESS TO HELP THOSE WHO HAD BEEN GOVERNING DEMOCRATICALLY IN CYPRUS.GETZ

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